
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that intimate partner
2 violence is prevalent in every community and affects people
3 regardless of age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation,
4 gender, race, religion, or nationality. Intimate partner
5 violence can result in long-lasting consequences, including
6 physical injury, psychological trauma, or even death. According
7 to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more
8 than one in three women and more than one in four men in the
9 United States have experienced rape, physical violence, or
10 stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

11 The legislature further finds that professionals in the
12 grooming and beauty industry, such as barbers, hairdressers,
13 estheticians, and nail technicians, often enjoy close
14 relationships with their clients. These relationships may last
15 years or decades and can put a grooming or beauty professional
16 in the unique position to identify a potentially concerning
17 situation.



1 The legislature additionally finds that requiring licensees
2 under the board of barbering and cosmetology to complete
3 intimate partner violence awareness and education training may
4 help decrease intimate partner violence by making more
5 individuals aware of the problem and offering victims an
6 additional place to turn for help.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require
8 licensees under the board of barbering and cosmetology to
9 complete a one-time training program on intimate partner
10 violence awareness and education.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 438, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
13 and to read as follows:

14 "§438- Intimate partner violence; awareness and
15 education; hold harmless. (a) All persons licensed pursuant to
16 this chapter shall complete a one-time training program on
17 intimate partner violence awareness and education. The
18 awareness and education training program shall enable licensees
19 to recognize signs of intimate partner violence and provide
20 licensees with resources to address intimate partner violence,



1 such as referrals to appropriate social services or domestic
2 violence organizations.

3 (b) All persons applying for licensure pursuant to this
4 chapter shall complete the training program and submit evidence
5 of completion along with the application requirements under
6 section 438-7.

7 (c) All persons holding a valid license pursuant to this
8 chapter as of the effective date of Act _____, Session Laws of
9 Hawaii 2017 shall complete the training program and submit
10 evidence of completion along with license renewal requirements
11 specified under section 438-12.

12 (d) The department shall develop the intimate partner
13 violence awareness and education training program required by
14 this section and section 439-_____ in coordination with the Hawaii
15 State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

16 (e) A person licensed pursuant to this chapter who
17 completes the training program shall not be civilly or
18 criminally liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on
19 information concerning potential intimate partner violence
20 obtained during the course of employment."



1 SECTION 3. Chapter 439, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§439- Intimate partner violence; awareness and
5 education; hold harmless. (a) All persons licensed pursuant to
6 this chapter shall complete a one-time training program on
7 intimate partner violence awareness and education. The
8 awareness and education training program shall enable licensees
9 to recognize signs of intimate partner violence and provide
10 licensees with resources to address intimate partner violence,
11 such as referrals to appropriate social services or domestic
12 violence organizations.

13 (b) All persons applying for licensure pursuant to this
14 chapter shall complete the training program and submit evidence
15 of completion along with the application requirements under
16 section 439-11, 439-17, or 439-18.

17 (c) All persons holding a valid license pursuant to this
18 chapter as of the effective date of Act , Session Laws of
19 Hawaii 2017, shall complete the training program and submit
20 evidence of completion along with license renewal requirements
21 specified under section 439-15, 439-17, or 439-18.



1 (d) A person licensed pursuant to this chapter who
2 completes the training program shall not be civilly or
3 criminally liable for acting in good faith or failing to act on
4 information concerning potential intimate partner violence
5 obtained during the course of employment."

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the
9 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
10 2018-2019 for the one-time training program on intimate partner
11 violence awareness and education.

12 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
13 of commerce and consumer affairs for the purposes of this Act.

14 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2099.



Report Title:

Board of Barbering and Cosmetology; Barbering; Cosmetology;
Intimate Partner Violence; Training; Licensing; Appropriation

Description:

Requires licensees under the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to complete a one-time training program on intimate partner violence awareness and education. Appropriates funds. (HB680 HD1)

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